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Layer And Semiconductor Device)
Art Unit: 2822)
Examiner: Christy L. Novcek)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Since the each of the cited documents is a foreign patent document, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98, a copy of each reference is enclosed.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

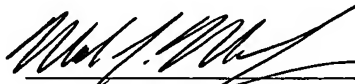
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